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I strongly support Bill 28, CD2, making all bus stops on O`ahu smoke-free.

The dangers of smoking and secondhand smoke are well-known. The U.S. Surgeon General, in 2010, notes that any level of exposure to secondhand smoke is dangerous and can be harmful. Bus stops often attract large numbers of people, and commuters have limited opportunities to avoid secondhand smoke in these areas. Families, children, youth, elderly people, and people with disabilities use TheBus for their regular transportation, putting them at risk of exposure to secondhand smoke. Prohibiting smoking at bus stops or public transit waiting areas is a growing trend. 277 municipalities in 33 states have these policies, and we would like to see the City & County of Honolulu added to the list.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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